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In Memoriam.

Composed by Ida A. Yagel, of Deer Lick, Ohio, on the death of Grandma Martin.

Dear grandma now is gone
Where parting is no more,
With friends above where all is love,
Safe on the evergreen shore.
Sufferings no more she shall have,
She has gone to the land of rest;
There she shall have glory forever
In the land of the loved and blest.
When she crossed over the river,
To the evergreen shore,
Where she will have joy forever,
To rest in peace forever more.
How we loved dear grandma,
No earthly tongue could tell.
When they laid her in the earth,
Oh! then the tears they fell.
We'll try and meet dear grandma
Over on the other shore,
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more.

College of St. James, Md.

We are not asleep. I mean the Maryland congregation. We are slowly but, I think, surely progressing, both in grace and numbers.

We had a glorious communion at Mapleville on the 3rd of June. Services began at 4 o'clock. After first services, while some were preparing the tables, we repaired to the water side and buried five precious souls in baptism, whom, we believe, rose to walk in newness of life. After repairing to the church and laying hands on them according to the divine command, we observed the ordinances of feet-washing, Lord's Supper and Communion, which indeed was a refreshing season long to be remembered. We also received one from the Conservatives that has not been reported. Three of our applicants and the one by relation are from Waynesboro, Pa. If we had a house to preach in in Waynesboro, we could do a good work there. The people are getting tired of the inconsistent rule of Conservatism at that place. The brother we received from the Conservatives was forbidden to commune because he had taken a pleasure trip to a summer resort for his health. Another Conservative was forbidden to commune because he rode several hundred yds. in a sleigh with a young man that had bells on his horse. Some of you may not believe this, but they are facts. Lay-members and preachers' children are counseled for wearing dress bonnets and bustles and were condemned by the Elder while his own daughters wear them and are not counseled. The intelligent people of Waynesboro are getting their eyes open and begin to see the folly of such conduct. Oh, I pray the Lord to look down in mercy upon the honest people of the Conservative church and help them to look through clear glasses and see that the Word of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; and if any man preaches any other gospel than that which Christ and the apostles preached, let him be accursed and then rid themselves of the traditions of men and accept Christ as a perfect law-maker. And for those who are not strictly honest, I pray God to take away their stony hearts and give them hearts of flesh that they

may be filled with that "wisdom that is from above, that is pure and peaceable, full of mercy and good fruits without partiality and without hypocrisy.

If there ever was a time that we needed gospel-alone doctrine all around the world, I think it is now. If there is no other reason for having a convention, let us have it and come together and devise the best plans possible to rapidly spread pure gospel-alone doctrine "from sea to sea and from the rivers to the ends of the earth." I heartily endorse what Bro. Bashor said in regard to getting awake and going to work. Let us all pray for more grit, grace and humility and then get right up and go to work. Let one and all take the sharp sword of the spirit by the handle, fight the battle of the Lord, rout the devil and march on to victory. We can rout him if we will. May the Lord help us to do so. Amen.

All that wish to correspond with me, please address me as follows: College of St. James, Washington Co., Md.

There is another St. James in Md., and much of my mail has gone there and is much delayed.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

Falls City Items.

Our lovefeast at the Silver Creek meeting house was largely attended both by communicants and spectators. Elders Warner and Burnsworth; ministers from Kansas, were with us and preached acceptably to the large audience. The spectators could not all be accommodated with seats, in the very large meeting house but they maintained good order throughout the solemnly impressive exercises. Our young people in this country are ladies and gentlemen, and conduct themselves as such under every circumstance.

If some of our eastern brethren could have been here to contrast the conduct of the spectators at our lovefeast, with the disgraceful and sacrilegious conduct witnessed at the old time lovefeasts in the eastern states, they would perhaps change their minds in regard to this being "rowdy west." Two precious souls were baptized by Elder Stump, Saturday afternoon, and before the communion exercises in the evening. These were confirmed before the congregation by the laying on of hands and prayer, after these five others, three men and two women, who formerly belonged to the German Baptist church, a church that baptizes by trine immersion, came forward and were formerly received into the communion of the Brethren church. The Brethren church at this place extends the liberty of communion to members of the German Baptist church above named, and we were pleased to see grandmother Homer, a sister in the flesh to Elder John Forney, avail herself of the privilege. None were more cordially welcomed than this pious, intelligent old sister in Christ.

On Sunday following the lovefeast, we had Sunday school in

the morning, preaching by Elder Warner at 11 a. m., and by the writer at 3 p. m., and by Elder Burnsworth in the evening. All these services were well attended. One of the pleasing episodes of this feast was a visit by the two brothers, Kuns and their wives from York, Nebraska, who came a distance of one hundred and fifty miles to this feast. Another was the visit of brother B. F. Stump and family from Davenport. During the Sunday exercises brother Jacob Gephart and another brother were advanced to the full ministry by the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

Sabetha, Kansas in my last correspondence was erroneously printed Labette.

E. L. YODER.

Things In General, Some Things In Particular.

What a grand book is the Bible, every lie told against it contains powder enough to blow it up, if you only put the match of investigation to it.

That letter of Sister Beer's was entertaining and instructive. She possesses a happy faculty that ought to be developed. Who does not love to read about sunny lands and bright flowers.

Sister Welty Fahrney, of Mapleville, Md., has been near death's door, but has been restored to family, friends and church, the prayer of faith raised her up. We extend congratulations.

The conservatives of Ridgely, Md., are building a church in the country, some are not satisfied, and talk of building in town. Let the Progressives build in town and a good work will be done.

There has been a commotion down about Waynesboro. The German Baptists are having trouble about the bustle, and the church has been roused to some life. I never before saw the good of bustles.

The sale of Hand-Books is not limited to preachers. You may sell them. Sunday school girls make splendid agents. I have had girls to handle hundreds of dollars and never lost a cent by one.

I never go down the street but what I see crape on the door knob of some door, a badge of white or of black, some times one, some times the other, death behind both.

Get three of your friends to purchase a copy of "Earth, Sea, and Sky," and send us \$8.25, we will send you a fourth copy free. Help us get that church started.

The streets of the gold paved city will never ring with the tread of funeral processions, nor crape hang on the door knob of its palaces. Jesus on earth never preached any funeral sermons and he will not admit death into heaven; comforting thought.

"Earth, Sea, and Sky," will be worked for our new church, land, water, and air, every place but hell, we want none of that, we desire to keep as far away as possible from that place. If it lasts forever or only five minutes it is our business to shun it.

I say just what Bro. Worst

says: "But I want it understood that not one single human mandate will ever bind me whether enacted by the Brethren or any one else." Amen.

Bro. Mason, did you tell that barbar of Louisville the difference between the Amish who wore hooks and eyes and the Brethren who wore buttons? It's to be hoped you did not neglect an opportunity to do some mission work.

J. D. McFADEN.

The Homerville Lovefeast.

Through the mercies and goodness of God we were again permitted to meet with the Homerville church and participate with them in a communion service. We believe all who took part in the evening services, enjoyed them and felt that it was good to be there. How could it be otherwise. For brother Jacob's gave all of God's children such a warm and cordial reception. He said at the onset of the meeting, that all of God's children were not only invited to the Lord's table, but were welcome. Surely the truth of the saying was proven.

While the communicants engaged in the solemn services no doubt many earnest prayers were offered secretly in behalf of unconverted relatives and friends, and we have reason to hope that some felt and realized that the saying of Jesus was verified. "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my father which is in heaven."

Judging from the good order and profound silence that prevailed during the entire services, not only God's children, were edified and strengthened and better prepared to meet trials and temptations, with many new resolutions to press on toward the mark for the prize, but many who are yet standing aloof from the church were favorably impressed, and in not a very distant day fruit will appear in abundance.

On Sabbath morning we met again in the capacity of a Sabbath School, which was very interesting. At the close brother Kilhefner, of Ashland entertained the school with a pleasing and appropriate address. He gave a clear illustration of the words influence and nursery. Each word was demonstrated by an example, with an application to ourselves and the church.

We then listened to an interesting discourse by the same brother, from the language: "It is written, 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God.'"

It is gratifying to observe that this band of worshipers have not lost any of their first zeal yet. In love and union all are working harmoniously together.

KATE YOST.

Burbank, Ohio, June 6, 1887.

FROM ANOTHER.

Our communion is now among the things that are past, and a grand meeting we have had. Our own members were well repre-

sented at the tables, and many from Fair Haven and Ashland were with us to swell the number of communicants. Brethren P. J. Brown, Kiefer and Kilhefner were with us, which greatly added to the pleasure of the occasion, and all seemed to enjoy the feast of love which it truly was to us. Our active members are greatly encouraged and more determined than ever to go on "toward the mark of the prize set before us." On Sunday, Eld. Kilhefner preached an able sermon which was highly appreciated by our people. In the evening another disciple tried to preach to a large and very attentive audience, and our meetings were over, yet long to be remembered by those who were permitted to attend them. Brethren and sisters come again, it does our souls good.

We are now about ready to use the Brethren's Hymnody in this church. Hitherto we used the Gospel Hymns. At our weekly prayer meeting last week the matter was brought up and the church present voted unanimously for the change. And it certainly is a good move. All the Brethren churches ought to patronize our own Hymn Book. True, we were a little slow to adopt it, but better slow than not at all. "Gospel Hymns" never suited me. They are only good in revival meetings, while the "Hymnody" is a book suitable in all our meetings.

Our Sunday School is doing very well. Bro. Oliver Hummel is an excellent Superintendent, assisted by an able corps of teachers, the school cannot but be good. Sorry we could not attend S. S. Convention at Bear Creek. More anon.

H. S. JACOBS.

June 11th, 1887.

Bracken, Ind.

Agreeable to promise, Bro. J. H. Swihart came on the evening of the 17th, ult., and remained in the Huntington church until the 29th. Although the weather was not very favorable, there was a good interest taken, considering the surroundings. Immediate result, two by baptism, three by relation.

We had communion services on the eve of the 27th. Bro. Farmer and Bro. Miller, from Sidney were with us, we had a pleasant meeting and I feel much encouraged with the result.

Bro. John came to this place on the evening of the 30th. One came forward on last evening and more are to follow. Bro. John does well, and as we are at a point where most of our members reside there is more interest taken, and as a consequence makes it more pleasant for him. I look forward to a steady growth at this place. Brethren pray for us that our labors may be blessed.

Yours in Christ.

R. K. BINKLEY.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

Above all things, reverence yourself.